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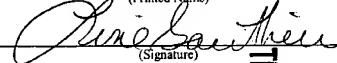
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above application is a response to restriction requirement mailed on October 31, 2002. The deadline to reply is November 30, 2002, which, falling on a Saturday, can be extended to the succeeding business day or to Monday, December 2, 2002 under CFR §1.7 (a).

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on October 31, 2002 ("Paper No. 7"), please consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel all pending claims without prejudice to their future prosecution. Please enter the following new claims:

The Examiner has divided the claims into three groups, requiring restriction of the claims to a single group for examination on the merits. These groups are:

- I: Claims 30-42, 45, and 46;
- II: Claim 43; and
- III: Claim 44.

Applicants hereby elect group I, with traverse.

According to MPEP § 803, there are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions:

- (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and